

RETRIBUTION.

By H. Ivan Swift.

From the cultured coasts of the conquered east,
Long leagues to the west and the rugged ledge;
And the bleached bones of the venurous hedge
The waste-wiered crumbs of the desert's feast!
But the wreck of a mortal knave is least
On the prey of the Eldorado quest;
To the goal of the sun-set's mad behest—
From the soul of a man to the heart of a beast!
Far from the hearth they choose to dwell,
And a million mites are hurled to Hell.
But over the mould of the moaning van
The legions roll to the hard-faced line,
Till peak and plain with bucklers shine.
Thus here where the blood of the homeless ran
A home for the homeless world began.
The cacti wilt and cougars whine,
The Sioux and the bison pay their fine
And the brute lies low to the mastering Man.
But the vengeance comes to the red man's shrine
When the sword of greed points on to the mine!
The dead-bought victory is cheaply sold:
The army leaps to the glittering shaft,
Man on man, blind, deaf and daft,
And the victor of beast is the vassel of gold!

A scab was found guilty in Chicago last week for working without a union card and he stands to receive a fine of \$500 and costs or a year's imprisonment. He posed as an attorney-at-law and induced Hungarian workmen to settle his damage case against the Northwestern railway. Weiss was arrested and found guilty of practicing law without a diploma, or union card, and will be sentenced to-day.

Quite likely the open shoppers will run their legs off to assist Weiss. In fact it is rumored currently on the streets that our own J. P. Dawley rushed for Chicago last evening to defend the right of the scab Weiss to work when and where he pleases without consulting the walking delegate of the Amalgamated Bar Association, even if it is necessary to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court.—Cleveland Citizen.

On September first and second the Jewish Socialist Agitation bureau will hold its third annual convention in Rochester, N. Y. According to the announcement issued by the bureau, it is an organization composed of various Jewish progressive societies whose members have expressed fidelity to the cause of International Socialism, as enunciated in the platform of the Socialist Party of America.

issues a warning against one G. E. Morgan, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind. and more recently of St. Louis, Mo. Morgan's game is to pretend to start socialist or labor papers, dispose of stock or secure subscriptions. The St. Louis comrades have carefully searched his record and characterize him as a grafter.

Seit einundzwanzig Jahren hat die „Montana Staats-Zeitung“ ununterbrochen das deutsche Zeitungsgeld in Montana eingenommen und dieser Ruf von Beständigkeit spricht als Kennzeichen des ferneren Erfolges und Fortbestehens dieser Zeitung. Sie soll in jedem deutschen Hause in Montana aufliegen—loyale Montaner haben sie bereits, aber wir wollen noch mehr haben. Für \$2.00 per Jahr wird dieselbe portofrei an irgend eine Adresse im Staate oder Lande gesandt. Nach Deutschland \$3.00. Der obige Preis schließt den „Sonntags-Beitrag“ in sich, mit anderen Worten eine zwölf Seiten starke Zeitung für \$2.00 per Jahr. Ran adressire:
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Federal Labor Union of Helena calls the attention of all union men to the unfairness of C. Y. Perry Soap Manufacturing company of Helena, Mont., particularly the miners in the Oeur d'Alene district, where three-fourths of the candles manufactured by the above company are consumed. Adv.

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Russia.

The executive of the Russian Social-Democratic party have decided by a large majority to take part in the new elections for the Duma, despite that the new suffrage is most unfavorable to their chances. On the other hand, the Polish Socialist party (Revolutionary section) have determined on a strict boycott of these elections. Of course, it must be borne in mind that Poland and the non-Russian parts are put under special disadvantages, and obtain a representation which is of set purpose made much smaller than that accorded to Russian provinces—but the same may be said of the proletariat—they are practically excluded from representation. The aim of the new law is naturally that only those sections of the people shall be represented of whom it can be assumed that they are loyal to the czar, but the whole history of the Duma has hitherto shown that the czar's government can place no reliance on any section, and anyway it is a pity for the revolutionary sections to lose any opportunity of strengthening the parliamentary opposition.

The agrarian disturbances in Russia continued. The struggle centres round the endeavours of the landlords to obtain labor out of the districts affected by famine in order to reduce the wages of their own, and the attempt of the workers to prevent their getting the help of these workers. Naturally the government, at once, invariably takes the side of the landlords. But the movement has a wider interest than would appear at first sight, if only for this reason, that so long as these movements continue the government is obliged to hold the army scattered in small bands all over Russia, with the result that every day the men over whom no effective official supervision can be held, lose their discipline, becoming more and more independent of their officers so that there is really no more discipline at all in the army.

France.

Civilization is having a particularly good time in Morocco recently. A French warship—the Galilee (a nice name that for a man-of-war—has been bombarding an open town, Casablanca. The shells exploded beautifully, a few hundred Moors were slain and the town destroyed. If after that the Moors are not convinced of the great advantages to be derived from western civilization, they must indeed be a stubborn lot. At the same time the diplomatists—who are having a holiday at the Hague—have been discussing whether open towns should be bombarded, and have decided that they should not be treated in that fashion, but apparently it is as in the case of Dum Dum bullets—this may be done when the town is in a “barbaric” country.

This wicked business it not over yet, and the French will not find their path as easy as they think, for this affair will have unpleasant consequences all over the Mohammedan world, as they will eventually find in Algeria and in Tunis.

The annual congress of the French engineers is being held in Paris, and is being attended by an English delegate—Stephenson from the A. S. E. He has urged the Frenchmen to give up the different unions and to form one strong union, showing how these tactics have been very successful in England. He also pointed out the need of men paying a fairly good subscription to the union, as otherwise it is impossible to carry on a fight without the sinews of war. In French unions, the subscription is so ridiculously small that it is very difficult to carry on any struggle against the employers.

The French Socialist Congress is being held at Nancy, and is remarkable for the attendance of a delegate from Metz, who delivered a most interesting speech, pointing out how the workers had everything to gain from peace, and how the Socialist Party, as shown by the action of Bobel and Liebknecht in 1870, had been opposed to the annexation of Alsace and Lorraine after the war of 1870.

Austria.

Now that manhood suffrage has been obtained for the Federal Reichstag, a vigorous agitation is being developed to get the same for the individual Landtags.

The Ohio state platform has been printed in leaflet form and is ready for distribution. Also the flyer, “What Shall We Do to Be Saved.” Send to state office.

Some of the men engaged in the petroleum works at Baku are on strike. The police on Sunday raided the offices of the Printers' Union at St. Petersburg and made 65 arrests.

National News

Wisconsin Notes.

Socialists are as much interested in a fair show for brain-workers as for workers with their hands. School-director Welch, (Social-Democrat) is now putting up a good fight in the Milwaukee School board for a school principal who was dismissed without being given any hearing, to make room for one of the “machine.” Comrade Welch moved on an investigation. He was placed on the investigation committee. The committee wanted star-chamber methods, but Comrade Welch insisted on an open hearing. The warm fight which he is making for the teachers' rights ought to convince any unprejudiced person of the folly of the old cry that “Socialism would discourage mental activity and would not reward those who work with their hands.”

The Milwaukee Sentinel (Conservative Republican) says: “The president makes a rather savage drive at Haywood in his Princeton speech. However, the fact remains that Haywood was acquitted by a considerable margin, and he made a good impression by his modest bearing and intemperate talk in his town.” This is the same organ which years ago made a brutal editorial assault upon Mother Jones. Since then times have changed. Now, that every third voter in Milwaukee votes the Socialist-Democratic ticket, it is safer for capitalist editors to be decent.

The Scandinavian comrades are showing considerable activity all over the state. A fine Scandinavian branch has just been organized in Kenosha, and branches are in process of organization in Racine and Superior.

Contributions to the National Organizing Fund for Week Ending Aug. 30th, 1907.

Ninth Ward branch (Jewish) Chicago, \$5; 21st Ward branch, Chicago, \$5; Workmans S. D. B. F. branch 182, Lowell, Mass., \$1; Hungarian branch, No. 1, Chicago, \$5; 4th Ward branch, Allegheny, Pa., \$1.25; Finnish, Br. No. 3, Pawtucket, R. I., \$7.65; Workmans S. J. D. B. F. branch 3 Yonkers, N. Y., \$10; Finnish branch, Spokane, Wash., \$8; Finnish branch, Two Harbors, Minn., \$5; Local Oakland, Calif., branch 0, \$10; Hoquien, Wash., \$5; Yelm, Wash., \$1; Youngstown, O. Finnish, \$2.50; Stockton, Cal., \$7; Ferguson, Mo., \$8; Dubuque, Ia., \$1; Chandler, Okl., \$4; Cumberland, Wyo., \$6.50; Mystic, Conn., \$11.75; Alta, Iowa, \$3; Winlock, Wosh., \$2.50.

The comrades of Mississippi have nominated a complete state ticket numbering seventeen candidates. The ticket is headed as follows: For United States Senator, Summer, Rose, Biloxi; Governor, L. P. McSwain, Ralston; Lt. Governor, J. D. Wallace, Lexington; Sec'y of State, N. E. Fritz, Lexington; Attorney General, C. Bayliss, Estabachie. Comrade Rose, candidate for U. S. senator, has issued a challenge to John Sharp Williams, candidate on the democratic ticket, to debate the merits of the respective party platforms.

Interest in the plate matter service of the party should not be allowed to lag. While we have seventy-nine subscribers at this time, while our contract with the American Press Association only calls for sixty, still there is room for more and more are needed. Now is the time to work up the interest in this service. Each and every local should have a press committee, and see to it that they keep after the local papers until our plate matter finds a place in their columns. Proof sheets and blank contracts will be furnished upon application from this office.

“This is to inform you that at a regular meeting of the state executive committee, S. P., of Washington, held on July 21st, 1907, by the act of that committee, the charter of local Seattle was revoked for failure to try Walter Thos. Mills for party treason as per constitution.

“(Signed) Richard Krueger,
“State Secretary.”

The mine owners of West Virginia, who were the originators of the lawless methods employed in Colorado during the past few years to prevent workmen from organizing, are up to their old tricks again. In an effort to unionize the miners of the Fairmont district, 12 national organizers have been working as miners for weeks. They were discovered by company detectives and driven out of the county. Several were severely beaten. The organizers straggled into Wheeling last Saturday from various places. They tell stories of brutal treatment that have a familiar Colorado sound, and which doubtless are pleasing to the ears of the open shoppers. Miners' officials are not saying what their next move will be.

Women's Clubs

How I Became a Socialist Speaker.

Elizabeth Flynn.

Because my entire activity in the socialist movement, thus far, has been confined to lecturing and “stump speaking,” I have been classified by the editor of the Socialist Woman as a speaker and requested to tell the details of my beginnings. I am not as confident as the heading implies, however, that I have become a full-fledged socialist speaker. Public speaking is an art and the master of the methods of educating socialism requires time, application and experience. For my brief period of a year and a half in the movement, as an active worker, I claim only the title of a student, and hope of ultimately becoming a speaker worthy of teaching the socialist principles.

Being a member of a small debating society in a public school several years ago, I became accustomed to addressing an audience, arguing in public, and I lost all the fear and nervousness so characteristic of an amateur who attempts to think rapidly “on her feet,” as the saying goes. The subjects discussed were commonplace, my views on them even more commonplace. This glorious republic, our flag and the constitution, were my trinity of ideals, “Americanism” were my articles of faith. In short, I was one of the thousands of law-loving, patriotic and loyal citizens that our public schools are constantly sending forth. I wanted to become a constitutional lawyer. I believed there were countless opportunities in our prosperous country to be successful and reach the top, and one of these chances would of course be mine. The poor? Why, we have the poor always with us. They were lazy, shiftless, intemperate, uneducated and deserved no better than they had!

These ideas probably resulted from the fact that my material welfare was taken care of, we had always been comfortably situated, and I had never had any personal experience with hunger or want, although we must not forget that there are millions of men and women struggling with poverty every day who still retain these notions, the deluded and exploited working class.

Suddenly our economic conditions changed, our security vanished. My father, a civil engineer who worked by contract, was defrauded out of his summer's earnings two years in succession. He went to law, but labor-power being a commodity that can be stolen with impunity, the cases are still dragging along, and as yet no one has profited but the lawyers. During the two consecutive winters, we suffered from misery, and crushing but sometimes revolutionizing poverty. I became ill, lost six months from school, and had time to read, think, and reflect carefully. I had theories; here was a condition that did not coincide with my theories; the theories had to go! I began to see the hypocrisy and dishonesty surrounding me and became an ironclad and a Utopian of an anarchistic trend. As I studied of the evolution of society, of the class struggle and economic factors and their power over our lives, I demanded principles more practical and organized, or scientific, and yet revolutionary, I became, and am now, a class conscious, Marxian Socialist. My economic conditions had changed, and, as in many other cases, my ideas changed in rapid order.

While this mental evolution, as it were, was occurring, I attended several courses of socialist lectures. I was preparing for active work, that I might turn my school training to account of the socialist movement, but my debut came finally through accident. At the Harlem Socialist Club a speaker was needed for an evening upon which the engaged speaker could not be present, and to fill the vacancy, I was asked by the secretary of the Lecture Committee, Comrade E. L. Egerton, to speak. He frankly admits that he did it for the novelty, expecting a school-girl's recited speech. Fortunately, I had four weeks to prepare and in January, 1906, I spoke on “Women and Socialism.” It was crude and very Utopian, as a whole, but not as bad as the socialists expected. That it was a unique speech from a fifteen year-old girl, I certainly must admit myself.

Since then I have spoken continuously on the street and in halls for the Socialist party, the Socialist Labor Party, the Unity Club, the Industrial Workers of the World, the Socialist Women of Greater New York.

I appreciate now how fortunate I was when my fallacious conceptions were rapidly dispelled by hardships, for I have been introduced into a movement, influencing all the fields of human activity, the grandeur and historical significance of which has never been equalled or surpassed, a movement to emancipate the working class and with it the humane race, the International Socialist Movement.—Socialist Woman.

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